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## **Polytech staff receive excellence awards**

Six Tai Poutini Polytechnic tutors and staff have been recognised for their excellence as part of the TPP 2012 Staff Excellence awards.

The awards were presented by the Chair of TPP last week with First Aid Lead Tutor Janet Jamieson winning both the Teaching Excellence Award and overall TPP Pounamu Award for Teaching Excellence.

TPP Academic and Quality Director Annabel Schuler says there were a very high standard of nominations for all of the awards and Janet Jamieson was a worthy recipient.

“Janet is a shining example of a tutor who is required to travel around the country delivering training and always manages to work to an incredibly high standard. Her students think the world of her and she rates very highly in student satisfaction surveys,” she says.

Mrs Jamieson received the TPP Pounamu trophy and \$3,000 towards professional development. She says it was a very big honour to receive the award. “I couldn’t have done it without my team, from my Head of Department who always gives us a challenge and lets us run with it to the support staff who are fantastic.”

TPP Facilities Manager Doug Griffin was awarded the Administration / Support Staff Excellence Award. Mrs Schuler says Mr Griffin is very involved in the community and he brings that community spirit to his job. He was also recognised for the tireless work he has done at TPP’s Christchurch campuses since the earthquakes.

Mrs Schuler says the high calibre of emerging tutors saw four being recognised in the Emerging Tutor Excellence Awards; Matt Chicoine, MAINZ Programme Leader for DJ and Electronic Music Production in Auckland; Victoria Glover, Industrial Rope Access Industry

Trainer based in Wellington; Philippa Freeman, Business Administration and Computing Lead Tutor in Greymouth and Zak Shaw, Outdoor Education Tutor based in Greymouth.

“All the young tutors are doing really well in their own subject areas and it bodes well for TPP’s standard of education. They are the future of TPP,” says Mrs Schuler.

The award winners were nominated by managers and staff and were judged on a collection of evidence including student feedback, professional development and the general value they add to the institution.

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